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"patterns" each of which is for different
charges, and the guns vary accordingly in
"trajectory" force and quality. The ammuni-
tion and projectiles made for No. 1 are use-
less for Nos. 2 and 3; the drill, too, varies
somewhat. The Chinese artillery, therefore,
would not be a trustworthy or useful force,
and if the magazines were to be shifted from
"Chinai to Canton, or Kwangsi, it is certain
that intolerable confusion will arise. It
would be time lost if we discussed the ques-
tion of the provincial armies of China, as
they are more mobs of men, some few with
good arms, and the majority armed just the
same as in 1942. The raw material of the
troops is, however, good, and given time,
"liberal" outfit, skilled officers, and scientific
direction, China would become a formidable
military power. But at present the only
real soldiers in the Empire are those of Li,
and his officers are unskilled and of indif-
ferent quality, utterly unfit to carry on
"operations of war, except such as are purely
defensive, against a trained enemy."

Under all circumstances it would, as we have
previously pointed out, be the duty of the
Chinese Government to rush in-
to a war with a first-class Western Power.
China is not prepared for such an encounter,
and her recently acquired war material would
only prove a source of severe loss to her.
Her ships and guns would fall into the
hands of the enemy, and her own territory
would be invaded and occupied. China
could hardly expect much sympathy from
other Western Powers, to whom the man-
darin have latterly displayed so much
hostility. Nor can the Peking Govern-
ment count very positively on the neutral-
ity of all other nations. Russia
has never failed to profit by opportunities
offered, and might seize the occasion to de-
mand the permanent cessation of Kashgaria
and Manchuria. Japan might take ad-
vantage of the complication to demand the
revision of her treaty and the recognition of
the Mikado's sovereignty over the Loochoo
islands. Portugal would be very lacking in
sentiment if she forebore to press the accept-
ance of the treaty before presented to the
Emperor. And finally the King of Siam
might reasonably also present a request for
the recognition of the independence of his
country, the more so seeing that for many
years Siam has enjoyed virtual freedom from
all interference from Peking. Indeed, it
is difficult to foresee all the rocks ahead
for China in this contemplated appeal to
force; it would prove like the letting out
of waters, beneath whose resistless flow
the dynasty might perchance be engulfed,
and even the integrity of the Empire re-
ceive a fatal shock. It is possible, however,
that the Peking Authorities are not blind
to the perils they run; *audere magis*
timor, and the mandarins hope by
making a show of courage they do not pos-
sess to frighten the French out of Tonquin.
This would be consistent with the past acts
of the Chinese Government, and that the
earlier stages of intercourse with foreigners
fondly imagined they could terrify the
"barbarians" into prompt submission by
noise and show.

H.I.G.M.'s steam corvette *Elizabeth*, Captain
Boswell, of the *Japan*, arrived at Hongkong
yesterday from the 13th instant, homeward
bound.

The Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.)
inform us that the Ben Line steamer *Benmore*,
from London, left Singapore on Sunday, the
20th inst., for this port.

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